



Autumn Term 2025 Newsletter 2  
Thursday 16th October 2025

# MOUNT CHARLES SCHOOL

## HEADTEACHER UPDATE



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful start to the school year it has been! We've had a busy and exciting first term full of learning, discovery, and special events across the school.

Year 3 enjoyed an amazing trip to Truro Museum, where they explored fascinating artefacts and deepened their understanding of local history. Meanwhile, Year 4 had a fantastic day at Plymouth Aquarium, learning all about marine life and ocean conservation — the children were absolutely captivated!

We were also incredibly proud to see so many pupils wearing yellow for World Mental Health Day. It was heart-warming to see our school community come together to raise awareness and show support for such an important cause.

Our new House Point System has officially launched and is already proving to be a big hit! Pupils are challenging themselves to earn house points through kindness, effort, teamwork, and great learning. The excitement and healthy competition are wonderful to see!

The School Councilors have also been hard at work, discussing ideas to enhance playtimes and lunchtimes. One of their current focuses is on introducing more playground equipment to help make breaktimes even more active and fun.

Looking ahead, Term 2 is set to be just as busy—if not busier! Please check the dates section for all our upcoming events, especially as we head into the festive season.

We'll kick off next term with the PTA School Disco on Wednesday 6th November, which promises to be an evening full of music, dancing, and fun!

As we move into December, the school will be filled with Christmas spirit. We'll be welcoming our Christmas tree, enjoying Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day, and celebrating with our EYFS and KS1 Nativity performances.

We are also delighted to announce that this year we'll be holding two Christmas Carol Services at the Church — one for Years 3 and 5, and another for Years 4 and 6. Both services will take place during the school day, and we can't wait to share these special moments with our school community.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are so proud of all our pupils for their enthusiasm and positivity throughout this first term.

We hope you all enjoy a restful and happy holiday, and we are very much looking forward to seeing everyone back for Term 2!

Mrs Simpson



# FUNDRAISING



## Hello Yellow

Thank you to everyone who has donated so far. Your donations are going to an amazing charity. There is still time to donate, please click on the link below.

<https://fundraise.youngminds.org.uk/fundraisers/emmawaugh>

Many thanks for your support, as always.

## Remembrance Day 11th November 2025

After the half term break we will be selling merchandise on behalf of the Royal British Legion to mark Remembrance Day 11th November.



We will be marking the occasion in school with a special assembly on Friday 7th November and are inviting children who attend any service cadets or scouting organisations' to wear their uniform.

Our year 6 pupils will be visiting classes each day, If you would like to purchase any of the items below, please send cash in with your child.

**Snapbands £1.50 Key rings £1 Zip pulls £1 Poppies donation of your choice.**

## St Austell Foodbank

Thank you for your very generous donations to the St Austell Foodbank. Your donations have now been collected and weigh an amazing 55.7kg! Your kindness is helping to make a real difference in our local community.



## Amazing Harvest!



## Mount Charles School

For your incredible fundraising efforts in support of St Austell Foodbank.

Your dedication and support have made a huge difference to the lives of people living in poverty.

Andy Payne  
Foodbank Manager

Registered charity number 1128806. Registered in England and Wales.

# BRITISH VALUES

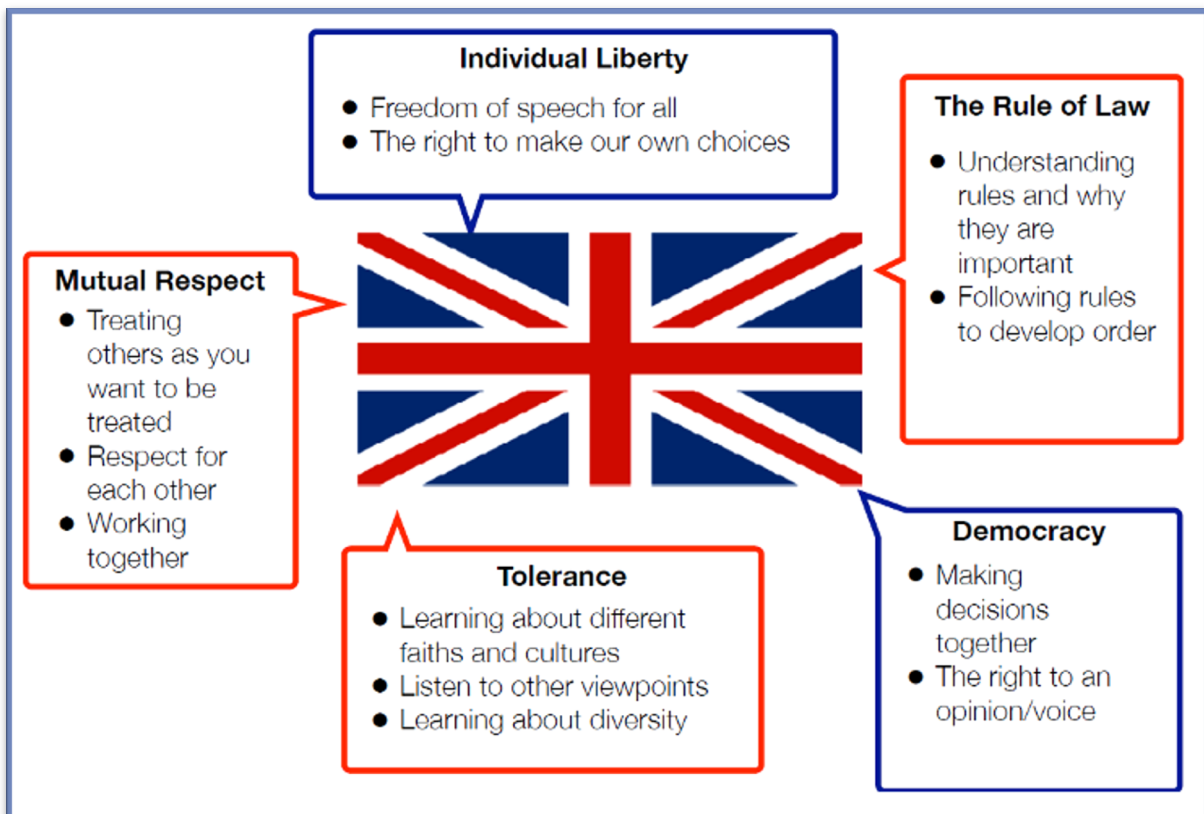
We have launched a new and exciting assembly programme called Lyfta. It takes us to different places in the world and that person shares information about their lives.

This week we met Sylvain from London. He works in a train station in London and his mission in life is to try and make everyone he sees smile. We loved talking in our class about how although he lives alone, Sylvain makes positive connections with people so they feel less lonely.



Lyfta helps us think about the British Values in a real context. Each class talked about:

- how stories help us see people differently
- how media and digital content shape our understanding of the world
- and how being open to different perspectives makes us more informed citizens.



# SAFEGUARDING

At Mount Charles School, the **safety, well-being, and happiness of every child** is at the heart of everything we do. We are committed to creating a secure and nurturing environment where all children can thrive.

We kindly ask that **parents and carers continue working closely with us** to help maintain this safe and supportive atmosphere. If you ever have any concerns about your child's safety or well-being, please do not hesitate to contact us. You can ask to speak to a member of the safeguarding team directly or email us at [DSL@mcs.celtrust.org](mailto:DSL@mcs.celtrust.org).

All concerns are taken seriously and handled with care and confidentiality.

## **A Polite Reminder About Mobile Phone Use on Site**

To support our safeguarding policies, we kindly remind all parents and visitors that **mobile phones should not be used while on school grounds**. If you are seen using your phone, a member of staff may politely ask you to put it away.

Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us keep our school community safe.



## **The Salvation Army Christmas Toy Appeal 2025**



This Christmas, Mount Charles School is proud to be a part of **The Salvation Army's Toy Appeal** – helping to bring joy to **children, teenagers, and older people** who may be facing hardship during the festive season.

We are an official **Toy Drop-Off Point**, and welcome donations of:

- New toys
- Toiletries
- Gifts for all ages
- Gift vouchers



You can also find local donation points or access an Amazon Wishlist via the **Salvation Army's website** or by contacting your local branch directly.

**If Christmas is a time of worry for your family**, please know you're not alone. **Miss Kevill and Mrs Hann** are here to support you—get in touch in confidence via [DSL@mcs.celtrust.org](mailto:DSL@mcs.celtrust.org).

Let's work together to make this Christmas a little brighter for everyone. 🌟

# ATTENDANCE



## Attendance Matters – Thank You for a Fantastic First Half Term!

Reflecting back on the last 6 weeks, we're delighted to share some brilliant news about attendance at Mount Charles School!

Every school day is a building block in your child's learning journey. With our current attendance at an impressive **96.42%**, we're not just beating the national average — we're setting the standard!

Regular attendance means:

- Stronger academic progress
- Better social connections
- A confident, consistent routine

Every day in school is a step toward success. Thank you for your continued support in making every day count!



As we begin the second half of the autumn term, it's the perfect time to reinforce positive routines and set the tone for a strong finish to 2025. We understand that life can be busy and sometimes unpredictable, but every day in school truly makes a difference. If your child is feeling a little under the weather but still well enough to engage in learning, we encourage you to send them in. Together, let's build healthy habits, nurture resilience and support each child's growth.

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Lost minutes = Lost learning



Every school day counts BUT every minute is equally important!

# ENRICHMENT SPORTS

## **Monday 29th September – Year 6 Basketball Festival at Poltair**

Our Year 6 pupils had a fantastic time representing Mt Charles at the PSSP Basketball Festival. The event began with skill development sessions, followed by exciting matches against local schools. The team played brilliantly and secured 3rd place out of 7 teams. A great achievement – Mr Yelland was extremely proud of everyone's effort and teamwork.



## **Tuesday 30th September – Netball Fixture (Home vs Carclaze)**

**A Team** – A brilliant 5–0 win to start the season! The team worked well together and showed real promise for the upcoming Netball League fixtures.

**B Team** – A solid 0–0 draw in their opening game. Most of the team are in Year 5 and new to competitive Netball, but they showed great potential and a willingness to learn. Miss Cocks was very pleased with their performance.

## **Tuesday 30th September – Football Friendly (Away vs St Mewan)**

**A Team** – A close and competitive 1–1 draw. After trailing 1–0 at halftime, Teddy scored a well-deserved equalizer. Riley had a strong game in goal, and the team showed real resilience in the second half. A valuable test before the league season kicks off.

**B Team** – A great display of attacking football with multiple goals and all players rotating positions. The Year 5 team impressed Mr Grigg with their teamwork and enthusiasm.

## **Monday 6th October – Year 4 Basketball Festival at Poltair**

Year 4 enjoyed a fun and active day at the PSSP Basketball Festival. After learning new skills, they played matches and finished 3rd out of 4 teams. Many were new to the sport and rose to the challenge brilliantly. Some teams were mixed with other schools to ensure balanced play. Mr Yelland was once again proud of the children's efforts and positive attitude.

## **Tuesday 7th October – Football Fixtures vs Carclaze (Played at Penrice)**

**Year 3 & 4 Team** – Despite a 5–0 loss to a very strong Carclaze side, the team – many of whom were playing their first ever school football match – showed great spirit and determination.

**Year 5 B Team** – Another strong performance, winning 9–0 with goals shared between Tommie, Brynley, Alex, Oliver, and Harley. The team is looking forward to their next league match after half term.

**Year 6 A Team** – A confident 5–1 win! Malachy scored just before halftime to give us a 1–0 lead. In the second half, Teddy and Elliot each scored twice to seal the win. Carclaze scored a late penalty, but Mount Charles had already done the damage. A great team effort all round.

## **Monday 13th October – Year 2 Basketball Festival at Poltair**

Our youngest athletes in Year 2 had their chance to shine at the PSSP Basketball Festival. After a morning of skill-building, they took part in friendly matches and finished 3rd out of 4 teams. Mr Yelland was very proud of their enthusiasm, teamwork, and fantastic sportsmanship.



**Well done to all our pupils who represented Mount Charles with pride, teamwork and determination. We look forward to more sporting success after half term!**

# EYFS NURSERY

This half term, Sea Shell Class have been exploring the various signs of Autumn. They have noticed how the weather is cooler, there is more rain, and leaves are changing colour and falling down. The children have really enjoyed collecting and investigating Autumn treasures and using these to create artwork. What a lovely welcome to the new season!



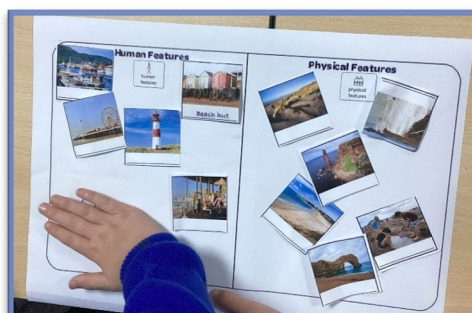
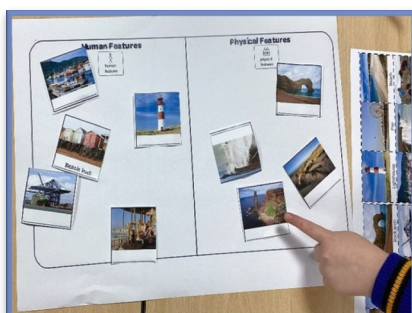
# EYFS RECEPTION

Seahorse class have loved their first Drawing Club lesson this week. They read the story 'A Superhero Like You' by Dr Ranj and then learnt the 'get up stand up' vocabulary, they particularly enjoyed thinking of actions for these words. In busy learning time, the children have drawn a picture and written a secret code to make their superheroes come alive! The children have been applying their RWI phonic knowledge to support their early writing, superstars.



# YEAR 1 & 2

Angelfish, Jellyfish and Starfish have been exploring coastlines in geography this term half term. They have learnt all about what a seaside is, some vocabulary to help them describe it and thought about why people go to the seaside and the impact that they have there. They have loved learning about the features of a seaside environment and had a lot of fun at Porthpean Beach spotting human and physical features. The children have used that knowledge to look at coastlines all around the UK and enjoyed using their oracy skills to work in groups and present information about different coastlines to their class.



## YEAR 3

Year 3 had an amazing time learning all about the Egyptians during their visit to Truro Museum. The children were able to watch the process of mummification, taking part in the embalming procedures and saw a real life mummy! They also got to handle real-life artefacts and explore the other exhibitions within the museum.



## YEAR 4

Narwhal class's trip to the National Marine Aquarium was an unforgettable underwater adventure! The children met Friday the turtle, spotted sharks and rays, and were inspired by the brightly coloured fish for their art project. The children shared their impressive science knowledge about vertebrates and invertebrates and were honoured by the octopus showing just how flexible she is!

The children also took part in different workshops exploring the mysteries of the deep ocean via Virtual reality and investigating the contents of a "whale's stomach" to hypothesise why it might have died. They even got hands-on with real marine artefacts! An incredible day full of curiosity, creativity and conservation!



## YEAR 5

Year 5's science topic this term has been 'Properties of materials'. The children have used torches to measure if different materials are transparent, translucent or opaque, they have used magnets to identify if different materials were magnetic or non-magnetic and they have also tested materials to see whether they could scratch it using fingernails, a paper clip or a coin.



## YEAR 6

Year 6 have just finished reading *Pig Heart Boy* by Malorie Blackman — a powerful and thought-provoking story that has sparked some brilliant class discussions. It's been a moving and memorable read, encouraging our Year 6s to reflect deeply on **empathy, acceptance, and the value of life**.

In science, Year 6 have been learning about the **composition of blood** and its important parts. Pupils explored the roles of **red blood cells, white blood cells, platelets, plasma, and minerals**, discovering how each component helps the body stay healthy and fight infection. It's been a fascinating topic that's helped them understand just how amazing the human body is!



## ARB

Mount Charles ARB have been doing lots of work based around 'The Gruffalo'. The children have been thinking of words they can use to describe him and have used talking tins to record their ideas. The children now know the story well and can retell parts of it.

In Maths we have been looking at money and have been working out what coins we need to buy things from the pet shop in our role play area.

We have got a really exciting week ahead of us next week as we are going to be spending the week at Pencalenick School and we're all really excited to have the opportunity to explore their lovely grounds.



# CELEBRATION

## Celebrating



**Yr1/2**— Maude, Alexandrou, Mia, Ellie, Ellis,  
Louella, Jasper, Ellis

**Yr 3**— Rafael, Harley, Stanley, Amla, Evie

**Yr4**— Florence, Mason, Matilda

**Yr5**— Neelah, Marilyn, Azra, Aafreen, Logan O

**Yr6**— Sophie O, Logan G, Leila, Jack, Harley-Jai,  
Kimberley

## Success

Our attendance trophy was won by:

3rd Starfish 98.8%

10th Narwhal 99.4%

16th Dolphin 99.6%

**Perfect Attendance!**



## British Values

Celebrating our British Values Champions :

Year 1/2: Rudy, Ophelia, Rory, Toby, Murphy, Pearl, Eli, Bonnie

Year 3: Thessy, Ivy, Lucy, Quinn, Reuben

Year 4: Florence, Demi-Harper, Lilly

Year 5: Milo, Kasper, Tommie, Daniel, Leo P

Year 6: Aurora, Klea, Amyrah, Jack

# REMINDEERS

## Contacting the school

The school will be closed until **Monday 3rd November**.

If you have a concern regarding safeguarding which requires an urgent response, please reach out to the relevant organisation for support.

MARU (Multi Agency Referral Unit) 0300 123 1116

Police 999

Details can also be found on the CELT website. [Click Here](#)

Safeguarding cover has been arranged to ensure any urgent concerns are managed appropriately. For any safeguarding matters, please contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead team via [dsl@celtrust.org](mailto:dsl@celtrust.org).

This inbox is monitored throughout the holiday period by a designated team who will attend any necessary meetings and follow up on actions. **Please note if it is not urgent, we will contact you on our return.**

## School Lunches

Please take time over the half term break to order your child's school lunch on ParentPay. Lunches can be ordered up to Christmas.

Remember lunches must be ordered on ParentPay even if your child is entitled to infant or free school meals. Any lunches NOT ordered may mean you will be asked to bring in a packed lunch.

Autumn Winter 2025 2026		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK ONE</b> 3/11/25 24/11/25 15/12/25 19/1/26 9/2/26 9/3/26 30/3/26	<b>Option One</b>	Plant Balls in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	<b>NEW</b> Chicken Biryani	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	<b>Option Two</b>	Vegetable Lasagne	Beetroot and Lentil Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges	Vegetarian Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	<b>NEW</b> BBQ Vegan Sausage Pasta with Garlic Bread	Cheese and Bean Pasty with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	<b>Vegetables</b>	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	<b>Dessert</b>	Syrup Sponge	<b>NEW</b> Apple Crumb Cake with Custard	Fruit Medley	Jelly with Mandarins	Chocolate Shortbread
<b>WEEK TWO</b> 10/11/25 1/12/25 5/1/26 26/1/26 23/2/26 16/3/26	<b>Option One</b>	Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Wedges	Spaghetti Bolognaise	Chicken Pie served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Breaded Fish or Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	<b>Option Two</b>	Mild Mexican Chili with Rice	Vegan Spaghetti Bolognaise	Vegan Cottage pie	Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice	Cheese Whirl with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	<b>Vegetables</b>	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	<b>Dessert</b>	<b>NEW</b> Gingerbread Cookie	Chocolate Brownie with Chocolate Sauce	Fruit Salad	Slicky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard	Vanilla Shortbread
<b>WEEK THREE</b> 17/11/25 8/12/25 12/1/26 2/2/26 2/3/26 23/3/26	<b>Option One</b>	Macaroni Cheese	<b>NEW</b> Chicken Enchilada Bake with Paprika Wedges	Roast chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chefs Special Chicken Karma with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	<b>Option Two</b>	<b>NEW</b> Chefs Special Lentil Curry with Rice	Tomato Pasta	Vegan Sausage and Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Caribbean Stew with Golden Rice	Red Pepper Frittata with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	<b>Vegetables</b>	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	<b>Dessert</b>	Ice Cream	Pear Crumble with Custard	Fruit Salad	<b>NEW</b> Jamaican Ginger Cake with Custard	Oaty Cookie
<b>MENU KEY</b>		Added Plant Protein	Wholemeal	Vegan	Chef's Special	
<b>Available Daily:</b> - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings - Bread freshly baked on site daily- Daily salad selection - Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt						<b>ALLERGY INFORMATION:</b> If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.



### Biggest improvement in accuracy in last 14 days:



- 1st place:** Eli Nancarrow
- 2nd place:** Bryan Ikpechukwu
- 3rd place:** Lowen Kincaid-Bagnall

### Most correct answers given over the last 14 days:



- 1st place:** Brooklyn Takura
- 2nd place:** Tommie Williams
- 3rd place:**

### Biggest improvement in studio speed over the last 14 days:



- 1st place:** Brynley Gilbert
- 2nd place:** Blake Foster
- 3rd place:** Harley Foster



# TOP THREE!

### Biggest increase in number of minutes played in the last 14 days:



- 1st place:** Bradley Charles
- 2nd place:** Rory Ashcroft Eastable
- 3rd place:** Kain Hartland

### Biggest increase in correct answers in the last 14 days:



- 1st place:** Rory Ashcroft Eastable
- 2nd place:** Bradley Charles
- 3rd place:** Kain Hartland



### Highest improvement in accuracy in the last 14 days:

- 1st place:** William Simpson
- 2nd place:** Justin Harris
- 3rd place:** Tobias Watson



# Diary Dates

## October

17th INSET Day - school closed to children  
**20th - 31st October - school closed for half term**

## November

3rd Flu Immunisations  
 4th Year 6 Evacuee Day  
 6th PTA Disco!  
 7th Open Day for Sept '26 intake, 10am & 1:30pm  
 Remembrance Celebrations  
 10th Odd Socks Day  
 Year 6, Sunfish swimming week  
 12th Hatchbox Photography - school photos  
 13th Nursery Open Day, 1:15pm  
 14th Children in Need  
 Open Day for Sept '26 intake, 10am & 1:30pm  
 17th Year 6, Manta Ray swimming week  
 19th Family Worker Drop-In, 8:45am—10:00am  
 20th Nursery Open Day, 1:15pm  
 21st Open Day for Sept '26 intake, 10am & 1:30pm  
 Year 1, Hearing Screening

28th PTA Non Uniform Day

## Swimming Dates

w/c 10th Nov Year 6 swimming week  
 w/c 17th Nov Year 6 swimming week  
 w/c 12th Jan Year 5 swimming week  
 w/c 19th Jan Year 5 swimming week  
 w/c 2nd March Year 4 swimming week  
 w/c 6th July Year 3 swimming week  
 w/c 13th July Year 3 swimming week

## Residential / Activity Day

(more info to follow)

Y3 BF Adventure	26th June
Y4 Porthpean	30th April—1st May
Y5 Okehampton	25th — 27th March
Y6 London	15th — 17th June

## Christmas at Mount Charles December 2025

- 4th KS1 PTA Christmas Craft Session
- 5th Non Uniform Day
- 9th Welcoming the Christmas Tree
- 10th Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch
- 11th Yr 3 & Yr 5 Christmas Performance 1.30-2.30pm St Augustine's Church
- 12th PTA Christmas Fayre
- 15th & 16th KS1 Christmas Performance
- 17th EYFS Reception & Nursery Christmas Performance
- 18th KS2 PTA Christmas Craft Session
- 18th Yr 4 & Yr 6 Christmas Performance 1.30-2.30pm St Augustine's Church



## TERM DATES

- Autumn term 2 2025:** Monday 3rd November 2025 - Friday 19th December 2025
- Spring term 1 2026:** Monday 5th January 2026 - Friday 13th February 2026
- Spring term 2 2026:** Monday 23rd February 2026 - Thursday 2nd April 2026
- Summer term 1 2026:** Monday 20th April 2026 - Friday 22nd May 2026
- Summer term 2 2026:** Monday 1st June 2026 - Friday 24th July 2026
- INSET DAYS:** Friday 17th October and Friday 3rd July



## ★ Mount Charles School – Nursery Tours ★

Are you looking for a warm, welcoming  
and inspiring start to your child's  
learning journey?

Join us for a guided tour of our nursery

 Thursday 13th November at 1.15pm

 Thursday 20th November at 1.15pm

Nursery 1: children who have just turned 3

Nursery 2: children who start school  
in September

Please call our school office  
on 01726 73911 to book a  
place on one of our tours



# Open Days

## For 2026 reception intake

Come along and meet our  
children and staff.

*Contact our school office to book a space*

Friday 7th November - 10am & 1:30pm

Friday 14th November - 10am & 1:30pm

Friday 21st November - 10am & 1:30pm



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Morven Road, St Austell. PL25 4PP



# Give Kids A Smile!

Has your child been unable to access dental care? We are offering a chance for a free dental appointment to help your child achieve a healthy and bright smile! Please call the practice below and quote Give Kids A Smile.

## Contact this practice

Contact name

Carriageworks Dental

Practice location/address

Brunel Quays, Lostwithiel, PL22 0EN

Phone number

01208 873290

Email

GKAS@carriageworksdental.co.uk

Event date

Saturday 1st November 2025



**HEALTHY TEETH TIPS?**  
SCAN QR CODE HERE



Your invitation to our

# October Holiday Club!



Monday 20<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025



09:30am - 2:30pm



Poltair School

Join us and take part in fun and exciting sporting activities!  
Meet new friends, get active and have fun.

Open to students in Years 5 & 6.



There is a charge of £5 per student, per day.

A light breakfast & lunch is provided for everyone.

To book your space, visit Playwaze by scanning the QR code below



[www.poltairschool.co.uk/octoberholidayclub](http://www.poltairschool.co.uk/octoberholidayclub)



**Cornwall  
Wildlife Trust**



**Cornwall Partnership  
NHS Foundation Trust**

The Mental Health Support Team warmly  
invite you to attend...

# Wild Wellbeing

During October half term MHST, in collaboration with Natural England, Cornwall Wildlife Trust and National Trust, would like you to join us on a FREE Halloween Wild Wellbeing session at various locations across Cornwall.

This is for parents and children aged 5-12 in Cornwall to help understand and support emotional and mental wellbeing.  
Please book EACH child on to a session

Sessions available at:

**Golitha Falls - Tuesday 28 October**

**Lanhydrock - Wednesday 29 October**

**Dipping Pond, Goss Moor - Thursday 30 October**

**Tehidy Woods - Friday 31 October**

\*Free parking at all sites

Activities will last approx. 2 hours

Please feel free to drop in from 10am, activities end at 1pm

To request a place, complete the online form or scan the QR code provided:  
<https://forms.office.com/e/fwtSJ59Cuv>



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